GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Pedana Municipality – Allegations of irregularities in handling advances taken in Pedana Municipality – Sri M. Gopal Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner of Pedana Municipality - Disciplinary proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991– Inquiry conducted – Findings examined – Imposition of penalty of "withholding one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect" under Rule 9 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 260 **Dated: 03-04-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Roc.No.E-469270/2018/C1-2, dt.02.10.2018
2. G.O.Rt.Nos.509, MA&UD(Vig.II) Dept, dated.19.08.2019.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.512 MA&UD(Vig.II) Dept, dated.19.08.2019
4. G.O.Rt.No.275, MA&UD(Vig.II) Dept dated.19.06.2020
5. G.O.Rt.No.276, MA&UD(Vig.II) Dept dated.19.06.2020
6. Inquiry Report of Sri B. Nagendra Kumar, Additional Project Director, APUWSSMIP, Vijayawada,, Lr. No. APUF-14023/6/2020-F AND ACCT SEC- APUFIDC, dated 08.07.2022
7. Govt. Memo. No. 1796923/Vig.II/2018/A1(E-642108), dt. 31.08.2023.
8. From Sri M. Gopal Rao, Municipal Commissioner, written representation, dated 30.07.2024

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in references second and third read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 24 of the said Rules, against Sri M. Gopal Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner of Pedana Municipality on allegations of irregularities in handling advances taken in Pedana Municipality.

2. Whereas, in the G.O. fourth read above, Sri B. Nagendra Kumar, Additional Project Director, APUWSSMIP, Vijayawada, was appointed as an Inquiry Authority to conduct regular inquiry into the articles of charge. Further, in the G.O. fifth read above, the Municipal Commissioner, Pedana Municipality, Krishna District, was appointed as the Presenting Officer, to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority.

3. Whereas, in the reference sixth read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report, concluding that all three charges framed against Sri M. Gopal Rao, Municipal Commissioner, have been proved.

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4. Whereas, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority and communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer for submission of written representation, as required under Rule 21(2) of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference seventh read above.

5. Whereas, in the reference eighth read above, Sri M. Gopal Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner of Pedana Municipality, submitted his written representation requesting to drop further action against him.

6. And whereas, after careful examination of the findings of the Inquiry Authority and the written representation submitted by Sri M. Gopal Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner of Pedana Municipality, Government have decided to impose the penalty of "withholding one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect " on Sri M. Gopal Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner of Pedana Municipality under Rule 9 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose the penalty of " withholding one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect "on Sri M. Gopal Rao the then Municipal Commissioner of Pedana Municipality, under Rule 9 of the A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

7. The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vaddeswaram, shall take necessary action to implement the penalty imposed.

8. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged, forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M. Gopal Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner of Pedana Municipality
- through CDMA, AP.
The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vaddeswaram.

Copy to:
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat
The Commissioner, Pedana Municipality
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister, MA&UD Department.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, MA&UD Department.
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SECTION OFFICER.